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MEMORANDUM FOR: Dr. Ray S. Cline  
Dr. Sherman Kent  
[redacted]

SUBJECT : Contacts with the Press

1. I thought I should tell you that, in a telephone call received yesterday by the Assistant to the Director from Joseph Kraft, during which the latter sought a discussion with [redacted] about Soviet leadership problems, Mr. Kraft said that he had from time to time in the past been in touch with Messrs. Cline, Kent, and [redacted]. He implied most strongly that, if he could not get what he wanted through the Assistant to the Director, he could do so through these sources.

2. This memorandum should not be interpreted as an implication that I accept the validity of Mr. Kraft's statement. Nevertheless, with the exception of one very brief report of 1 February 1965 from [redacted] there are no reports of press contacts on file.

3. I am sure that you will want to report the facts regarding any contacts with Mr. Kraft for record purposes.

/s/

L. K. White

Executive Director-Comptroller

cc: Assistant to the Director w/basic

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